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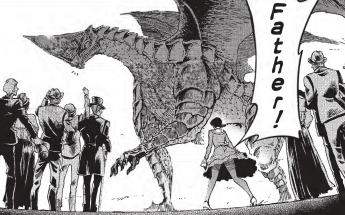
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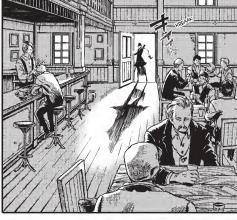
People grew to fear it and its corrupting influence.

for mortal flesh.













































of suddenly opening fire in front of a crowd?

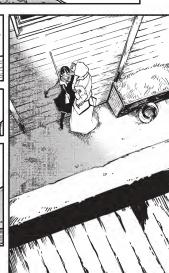


So, missy... You make a habit













Daughter of Incarnate Soldier John William Bancroft!



My name is Nancy Schaal Bancroft!





































YOU'RE GONNA KILL HIM, TOO, AREN'T YOU...?!







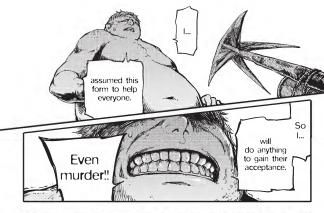






















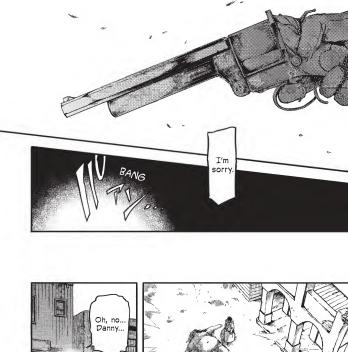














































































































































































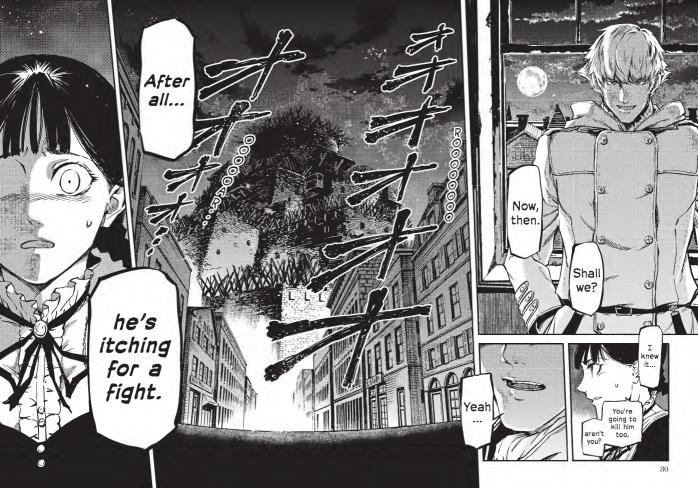










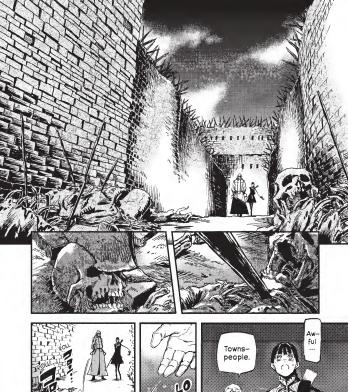


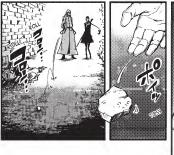
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why did we go to the trouble of coming at night, Hank...?





















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Hank

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When the joint I destroyed egenerates, can do. it'll be even stronger

railroad can carry them here.

know. but...

able to slow him down this time, but that's the best I

I was

wounds suffered He by the survived Behemoth the war. grow back It'd be stronger impossible to deliver before. a blow big enough to kill him.

Any

than

You saw it yourself. Cannon fire doesn't so much as faze him.



















































I pray Hank and the soldiers' operation goes well...





That Incarnate must have some powerful desire that's pulling him forward...

But the trains that run along the railway are full of the hopes of those passengers...





























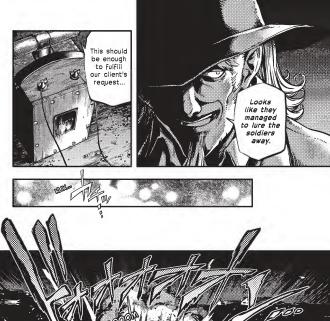
























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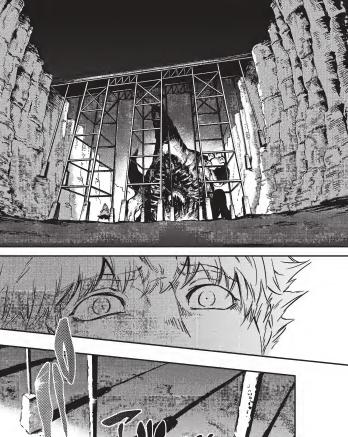






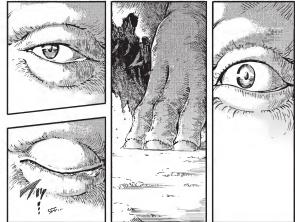






























































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file 3

Incarnate Behemoth

Total Length: 164 ft.



Created by God as the largest living creature and ordained to become sustenance for man in the end-times.

This massive Incarnate possesses regenerative abilities.

The Behemoth can regenerate damaged parts of its body to be even stronger than before in a matter of houts. The thick skin covering its enormous body can withstand gun and cannon fire alike, and only grows stronger with sustained damage, allowing the Behemoth to become nigh-invulnerable within a short timeframe.

However, its sheer weight places incredible strain on its joints and skeleton, and excessive movement can mean death. As a result, the Behemoth is forced to move at a snail's pace; even keeping pace with its fellow Incarnates is a challenge, let alone charging the enemy head-on.

The psychological damage inflicted on the enemy by the sight of the massive creature drawing unflinchingly towards them more than made up for the creature's other deficiencies, however.

file A

Bomb-lance



Used by a Beast Hunter to fight Incarnates, the Bomb-lance is a lance with an explosive spearhead. The spearhead, which strongly resembles a whaling harpoon, is connected to a collapsible rod. While simple in design, the Bomb-lance's extreme heaviness and uneven weight distribution makes it almost impossible for average humans to wield.

By leveraging its weight, a Beast Hunter can drive the lance beneath the skin of the target, detonating the explosive from a distance by pulling on the wired detonator. The resulting explosion is capable of blowing through an Incarnate's skin and muscle tissue, enabling the Beast Hunter to bore the lance even deeper into its prev.

Incarnates possess superhuman life force that makes them impossible to kill without striking deep within their bodies, and the Bomb-lance is the Beast Hunter's ace in the hole, specifically designed for such a purpose. Despite its ramshackle appearance, the weapon consists of made-to-order parts that can only be used once, making it quite an extravagant weapon.

file

Incarnate Spriggan

Height: 10 to 26 ft.



A protector of treasure in ruins and fortresses capable of enlarging to enormous size in order to throw off enemies.

An Incarnate capable of enlarging its body, the Spriggan possesses a flexible frame covered in a unique fatty tissue. The highly-concentrated nutrients in the fatty tissue are consumed during the growth process, fueling cell multiplication and skeletal transformation, thus enabling it to nearly triple its stature. A horn composed of hardened dermis and keratin makes its attacks in this form even more powerful.

By adjusting its size, the Spriggan can thrive in both long battles (by remaining smaller and consuming less energy) and shorter skirmishes in its larger incarnation with its attendant explosive power.

file C

Incarnate Minotaur

Height: 16 ft.



Sealed in an underground labyrinth, this fearsome creature has the head of a bull.

Boasts agility and superhuman strength. Many Incarnates are incapable of precision work due to their non-humanoid appendages, but the Minotaur retained a high level of dexterity even as it became an Incarnate.

Its massive frame bestows inhuman power, making it particularly useful for constructing field fortifications, and its nimble fingers allow it to handle small components and a wide variety of weaponry. While its large size makes quick, rapid movements difficult, by using a specialized long axe and old-fashioned yet sturdy armor and helmet, the Minotaur exhibits its unique defensive capabilities.

The Minotaur's expert knowledge of infrastructure and traps can be seen in the fortresses it constructed, many of which survived the end of the war.



Hello, MAYBE here! Despite looking like a single person's name, we are actually a two-person writer/artist team.

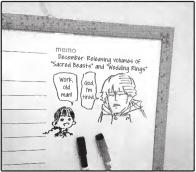
Believe it or not, we were contacted to create a manga series for Bestatsu Shonen Magazzine (the current home of this manga) before it even started publication. We wondered what kind of story we were going to create, but things just kept happening (one of our other works was made into an anime, for example), pushing our start date back. By the time we finally decided, "Okay, let's get this started," we pretty much ended up throwing all the ideas we'd had until then into making "To the Abandoned Sacred Beasts."

It's quite a different creation from what we've made in the past, and while we're anxious, we hope you enjoy reading it.

With such a long title, we've come to calling it "Sacred Beasts" for short, but it doesn't seem to have caught on, so call it whatever you like.

Now, then. Here's hoping we get volume 2 out safe and sound!

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• The studio whiteboard

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An unstoppable chain of blood. The secrets of the Incarnates will be revealed...

There is Elaine, the mysterious beauty who, even though she said, "I loved you" in a dream, shot Hank.

There is Cain, the mysterious gentleman who loosed the Beasts upon the world.

As Hank's cross to bear—the promise to kill his old comrades—and the secrets of those two people he's deeply connected to come to light, Hank and Schaal's sorrowful journey becomes increasingly merciless...

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